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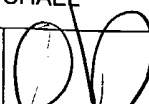
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	Lynne Edmondson	1725	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Borza (USPN 5907627).

Borza teaches a method of wire bonding a finger sensor by forming a ball at a first end of a wire, connecting the ball to the die pad (9a) , extending the wire from the die to the circuit pad (9b) forming a stitch bond with a wire loop having low height and repeating the steps for multiple connections as would be conventional (figure 1b and col 4 line 20 – col 5 line 14). See also Borza claims 1-3 and 10-12.

3. Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Salatino et al. (USPN 5862248).

Salatino teaches a method of wire bonding a finger sensor by forming a ball at a first end of a wire (97, figure 13), connecting the ball to the die, extending the wire from the die to the circuit pad forming a stitch with a wire loop having low height and repeating the steps for multiple connections as would be conventional (figure 11 and 20, col 9 lines 3-18, col 10 lines 10-30 and col 11 lines 47-60). See also Salatino claims 1, 8, 27 and 35.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The closest prior art teaches the invention essentially as claimed but does not teach the instant loop height or inaccessible area. See Okada.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zhou (US 2004/0089955 A1), Setlak (USPN 5963679), Deconde et al. (USPN 6672174 B2), Sakoda et al. (USPN 6670221 B2), Chiu (USPN 6686546 B2), Manansala (USPN 6653723 B2) and Tago (JPN 2003-83708-A).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynne Edmondson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1172. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lynne Edmondson', followed by the date '8/12/04' written in a similar cursive style.